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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs [0011] and paragraph [0027] as indicated below. Deletions are indicated with ~~strikethroughs~~ and insertions are indicated as underlined.

[0011] The present invention provides improved prostheses and methods for their placement at an ostium (sometimes referred to herein as an os) opening from a main body lumen to a branch body lumen. The prostheses and methods will be principally useful in the vasculature, most typically the arterial vasculature, including coronary, peripheral, venous grafts, arterial and prosthetic grafts, as well as A-V fistulae. In addition to these vascular applications the present invention will also be useful in the treatment of other body lumens including the gastrointestinal systems (esophagus, large and small intestines, biliary system and pancreatic ducts) and the genital-urinary system (ureter, urethra, fallopian tubes, vas deferens), and the like.

[0027] The circumferential anchors 16 will usually extend axially from the scaffold section 12, as illustrated, but in some circumstances the anchors could extend helically, spirally, in a serpentine pattern, or other configurations. It is necessary, however, that the individual circumferential anchors be radially separable so that they can be independently folded, bent, and otherwise positioned within the main body lumen after the scaffold section 12 has been implanted within the branch body lumen. In the schematic embodiment of FIG. 1A, the circumferential anchors 16 may be independently folded out in a "petal-like" configuration, as generally shown in broken line for one of the anchors in FIGS. 1 and 2.